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Identical letters dated 4 May 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

The State of Qatar being the Chair of the thirty-fifth session of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a press release on a statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Adel al-Jubeir, regarding the humanitarian situation in Yemen (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the
Security Council**

[Original: Arabic]

**Minister for Foreign Affairs: Saudi Arabia intends to establish an
integrated centre to coordinate assistance efforts for the
Yemeni people**

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Adel bin Ahmed al-Jubeir, recently stated that, in the light of ongoing and intensified efforts to deliver humanitarian assistance within Yemeni territory, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was consulting with the members of the coalition defending the legitimate authority in Yemen and with all supporting States to establish specific areas within Yemeni territory where humanitarian assistance could be delivered. All air operations would be interrupted in those areas at specified times for the delivery of aid in accordance with Security Council resolution 2216 (2015).

He warned the Houthi militias and affiliated forces against exploiting the cessation of air operations, preventing the delivery of aid or attempting to use it for their own benefit. He stressed that Saudi Arabia would react to any violation by resuming air strikes against any enemy deployment hindering humanitarian efforts.

The Minister said that Saudi Arabia intended to establish an integrated centre on its own territory with a view to delivering assistance to the Yemeni people. The centre would coordinate all assistance delivery efforts involving the United Nations, the relevant international organizations and States wishing to provide assistance to the Yemeni people. Its tasks would include enabling the United Nations to deliver the \$274 million in assistance pledged by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud.
